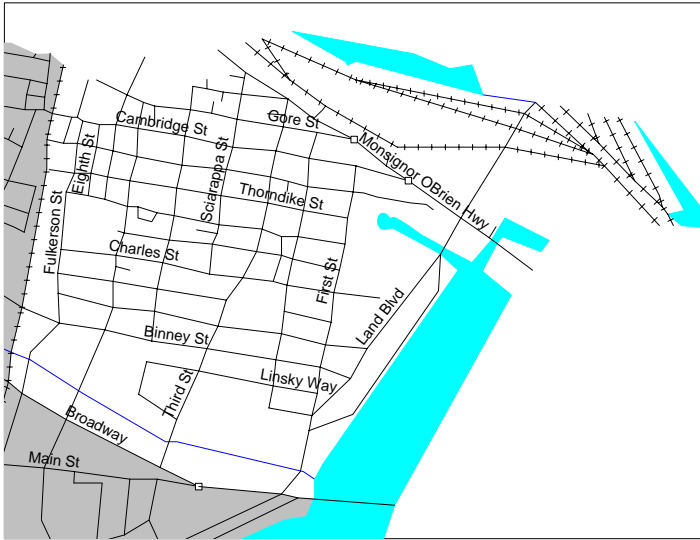
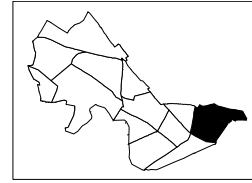


NEIGHBORHOOD 1

EAST CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Charles River, Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Somerville border

POPULATION: 7,294 residents
2,726 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$30,281

Neighborhood #1 lies within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 1R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 1A, 1B, and 1C.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	23	32	37	39	35
Street Robbery	19	12	13	18	18
Auto Theft	67	78	55	55	43
Larceny from MVs	115	93	74	112	129
Malicious Destruction	131	91	96	141	111
Drug Arrests	10	13	15	12	20

2003 YEAR END REVIEW

There was a slight decrease in the number of **housebreaks** this year compared to 2002. The arrest of two prolific thieves in 2002 contributed to the low number of housebreaks seen in the early portion of 2003. Breaks at Museum Towers represented almost 38% of all housebreaks in East Cambridge, due to a consistent internal theft problem. Electronic equipment and jewelry were popular targets. • The number of **street robberies** in East Cambridge remained constant from the previous year. Three occurred near the Cambridgeside Galleria between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., and two were categorized as “bully boy” robberies. A knife was used in 5 cases, a gun in one case and a physical assault occurred in at least 4 cases. Incidents were spread throughout the week; eleven of the 18 incidents occurred from 6:30-11:00 p.m. • **Auto theft** in East Cambridge declined by 21% in 2003. A high percentage of the stolen vehicles were geographically concentrated in the corridor between Second and Fifth Streets with Hurley Street to the south. • **Larceny from motor vehicles** increased 15% in 2003, influenced by a major weekday pattern of thefts from cars in parking lots between Charles and Binney Streets. The arrest of a pair of Chelsea residents in September appeared to have dissipated this trend. Second and Sixth Streets during mid-week were areas of concern during the end of the year. • **Malicious destruction of property** also declined by 21% in 2003. Fifteen of these incidents involved the use of a BB gun to damage car and store front windows. SUV’s were especially targeted in these incidents. • Many of the 20 **drug arrests** in East Cambridge were the result of shoplifting investigations at the Cambridgeside Galleria in which suspects were found to be in possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1991-2002	Rank '91-'02*	Rank 2003*
Housebreaks	38	10	36	9	8
Street Robbery	10	11	19	4	5
Auto Theft	156	2	80	2	4
Larceny from MVs	121	5	105	2	1
Malicious Destruction	118	5	115	1	2

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With the booming Cambridgeside Galleria and the fringe of Cambridge Center as its most prominent features, East Cambridge may be the most heavily trafficked commercial region in the city. It has a smaller than average residential population. Other features of the neighborhood include the Lechmere MBTA station, the Kennedy-Longfellow Elementary School, and the Middlesex County Courthouse.

- **Street robberies** ballooned with the opening of the Cambridgeside Galleria in 1991, but have abated in recent years. Most of these are pack or bullyboy robberies committed by and against juveniles. Other robbery patterns—predatory in nature—sometimes appear on Cambridge Street near the B&A Railroad.
- The motor vehicle-related crimes of **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** occur at the highest rates here of anywhere in Cambridge due to the level of commercial parking around the Cambridgeside Galleria, along Cambridge Street and in the vicinity of Cambridge Center.
- **Assaults, threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants sometimes occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse.

